

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A technique for distributing receiver membership reports
5 containing receiver information for a plurality of multicast
source systems in a multicast source notification of interest
protocol is disclosed. In one embodiment, the technique is
realized by collecting receiver information for a plurality of
multicast source systems; aggregating receiver information for
10 each multicast source system into a respective record;
indexing each respective record using an IP address of each
multicast source system; aggregating the plurality of
respective records into a single message; and multicasting the
single message to a group address.